



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that of a meeting of **Community Environment Committee** will be held:

DATE: 11 May 2011

TIME: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

PLACE: The Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Diana Deeley	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Richard Hewitt	Community Representative
Susan Buchan	Community Representative
Terry Metherell	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Julie Nettleton	Community Representative
Julie Taylor- Mills or Mark Mills	Community Representative
Neil Ohlbach	Community Representative
Eira Battaglia	Community Representative
Rosie Lempriere	Community Representative
Lee DeGail	National Parks & Wildlife Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes	Manager, Manly Environment Centre
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All other Councillors/persons are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, on any matter before the Committee.

Stephen Clements
Deputy General Manager
Executive Manager – Land Use & Sustainability
Date: 4 May 2011



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 11 May 2011
AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
SUBJECT: MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues Report

Manly Environment Centre Report

The MEC has worked on the following initiatives:-

CONFERENCE UPDATE:

1. In addition to the two international speakers, we have been working on securing panelists for conference plenary. Three panelists secured so far from within the local environment centre community round Australia.
2. Website statistics - 453 visits, 70% of which were new visits and 45% of these were from Australia.
3. Website upgraded to include details of speakers and further accommodation details.
4. Mailing list for conference now stands at 275 – about half of which are organizations (who then include details of conference in their own mail outs) and half of which are individuals.
5. Close of deadline now for attracts for papers and presentations. Short list made and decision to be made with offers this week.
6. Range of academics canvassed to present papers at the conference
7. 1 facilitator (Ben Peacock from Republic of Everyone) secure and another approached (so there is a facilitator Thurs and Fri.

INTERNSHIPS/WORK EXPERIENCE, ETC:

Yuji Abe from Japan has left us. Yuji assisted Manly Council's Catchment Education Officer - Josh Crawford, for 2 days for the Burnt Bridge Creek tour for Balgowlah Heights Public School.

2 girls from Stella Maris College came for Work Experience & 1 girl from Monte St Angelo College.

MEETINGS

Meetings/discussions with the following:

31/03/11 TEC – various issues including Cash for Containers.
01/04/11 Balgowlah Boys High School meeting.
04/04/11 Christopher Neff Meeting on shark issues.
04/04/11 North Head Sanctuary Foundation meeting
08/04/11 Ian Clelland editor of Sustainability Newsletter.

Talks/Launches:

07/04/11 Wasteless Movie Launch at Parliament House, Macquarie St.
19/04/11 Zero Carbon – organized by the British Council at Sydney Town Hall.
National Trust Heritage Festival in Manly during April.

- The MV Baragoola Sydney Ferry Story.
- North Head Sanctuary Walk & Talk Tour.

Visits

12/04/11 Lisa from Total Environment Centre came to visit to talk about the Cash for Containers campaign.

15/04/11 AYCC - Australian Youth for Climate Change visited re Climate issues.

Sun 1 May National Permaculture Day – Manly Environment Centre was open and had a very successful information day.

Climate Club Project

The MEC has been assisting the UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures, 4 Manly primary schools (Manly West, Manly Village, Seaforth and St Mary's) have been recruited to participate in the 2011 Climate Clubs. The date for the Manly launch is **Thursday, May 19** from 6pm-7:30pm in Manly.

Project Penguin will be happening in May with over 750 primary & secondary school students will be addressed by penguin wardens & MEC Manager at Manly Wharf. 3 sessions of Project Penguin is an extensive program run by Taronga Zoo with assistance from National Parks & Wildlife Service, MEC & penguin wardens, focusing entirely on Manly's Penguins.

Drain stencilling & other MEC programs

Some already completed. A number of other schools have been contacted for the drain stencilling program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manager
2nd May, 2011